

said Soules, by the Board of Land Commissioners for Travis county, on the 21st of November, 1853, No. 143 3rd class, and that said certificate is still outstanding and unlocated, that it was passed into the hands of an Agent by said heirs, who neglected to locate it, or to inform them of his failure so to do until the time for presenting the same to the Court of claims had expired. They therefore believe the said heirs are entitled to the relief sought in the bill, but as it is not in the form usually adopted in such cases, they beg leave to report a substitute bill, and recommend its passage by the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Guinn, the bill was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Parsons, Mr. Townes was added to the committee on Apportionment.

Mr. Erath introduced a bill to incorporate the Salado College in Bell county. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Britton moved that the Senate go into committee of the whole, on the bill for the protection of the frontier, which was lost by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Britton, Erath, Gentry, Hyde, Lott, Martin, Paschal, Potter, Quinan, Scarborough, Schleicher, Throckmorton, Townes, Walker and Wigfall—15.

NAYS—Messrs. Chambers, Dickinson, Daggan, Fall, Grimes, Guinn, Hart, Parsons, Pitts, Rains, Rainey, Shepard, Sims, Wallace and Whaley—15.

On motion of Mr. Walker, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, December 3rd, 1859.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Schleicher presented the petition of sundry citizens of Uvalde county. Referred to the committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

Mr. Throckmorton presented the petition of the County court of Collin county. Referred to the committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

Mr. Stockdale, chairman of the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported "a bill to empower the Mayor, Aldermen and inhabitants of the city of Galveston, to issue bonds for the construction of a bridge from the Island of Galveston to the main land, in aid

of the Galveston, Houston and Henderson Railroad, and to validate the bonds by them issued, or to be issued for such purpose, and to impose a special tax to pay the interest on said bonds, and to provide a fund to meet said bonds due.

And a joint resolution for the relief of four clerks in the Comptroller's office, correctly enrolled, duly signed and this day presented to the Governor.

Mr. Walker, chairman of the committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the resolution of the Senate, requiring the committee to enquire into the expediency of passing a law to relieve persons who have not had their land surveyed in a square, &c., reported the accompanying bill and recommended its passage.

A bill to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office, to issue patents upon surveys heretofore made, not in the form required by law. Read 1st time.

Mr. Townes introduced a bill, to incorporate Franklin College, Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on Education.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill supplementary to an act appropriating one hundred and ten thousand dollars, or so much thereof, as may be necessary for the mileage and per diem pay of the members, and per diem pay of the officers of the 8th Legislature. Read 1st time; rule suspended, read 2nd time and passed to a 3rd reading. And on motion of Mr. Townes, rule further suspended, bill read 3rd time and passed.

A bill for the relief of George W. Goolwin. Read 2nd time and passed to a 3rd reading.

On motion of Mr. Lott, rule suspended, bill read 3rd time and passed.

A bill empowering the County court of the county of Calhoun, in the State of Texas, to regulate and restrain the running at large of hogs in said county. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on Education.

The following bills were severally read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to incorporate the Houston Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, and Liberty Fire Company No. 2, of the city of Houston.

A bill to incorporate the Texas Masonic Institute.

A bill to legalize the unconditional Headright Certificate of John Jordan.

A bill for the relief of Chester B. Starks.

A bill to amend the 4th section of an act allowing discounts

and set off, passed 5th February, 1840, (Oldham & White's Digest Article 360.)

The following bills were severally read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

A bill for the relief of Matt Finett, deceased.

A bill for the relief of Alexander Fuggerson.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of N. Spain Summerlin, deceased.

A bill for the relief of A. H. Booth.

A bill granting 320 acres of land each, to George Eberly Henry, Mary Eliza Henry and Julia Pierce Henry.

A bill for the relief of Michael K. Hammonds. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on Public Lands.

The report of the committee on Private Land Claims, on a bill for the relief of Jacob Laux, offering a substitute ; substitute adopted and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill for the relief of Hannah C. Buckner. Read 1st time, rule suspended, read 2nd time and passed to a 3rd reading.

On motion of Mr. Gentry, the rule was further suspended, bill read 3rd time and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill for the relief of Joseph Thompson. Passed to a 3rd reading.

Mr. Walker, chairman of the committee on Public Lands, reported a bill, to encourage the boring of Artesian Wells in the counties of Hill, Navarro, Freestone and Limestone, back to the Senate, and recommended its passage.

A bill to incorporate the Dallas Bridge Company. Read 2nd time.

Mr. Guinn moved to strike from the 1st section the words "ninety-nine" and insert the word "twenty." Carried.

Mr. Potter moved to strike from the third section the word "five" and insert "two."

Mr. Hart called for a division of the question, when "five" was stricken out. The question on filling the blank with "two" was then put and carried.

Mr. Guinn offered the following amendment :

"Provided nothing shall be so construed in this charter, that will authorize the party to erect a bridge across said stream that will obstruct the free navigation of said stream, to steam or keel or flat boats that may navigate the same." Adopted.

Mr. Stockdale offered the following amendment :

"Provided that the corporate privileges herein granted, shall not enure to the benefit of the corporators, until the County court of Dallas county, shall have had three months from the

passage of this act, to order a bridge to be erected across the Trinity river, at or near where this bridge crosses, and shall have failed for that time to order the erection of such bridge."

On motion of Mr. Walker, the bill and amendment was referred to the committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

On motion of Mr. Potter, the vote postponing until Monday the 5th inst., the following bills was reconsidered.

A bill to provide for patenting Headright Certificates, not presented to the Court of Claims for approval, within the time prescribed by law, and for issuing duplicate and unlocated balance certificates. The bill was read 3rd time and passed.

A bill providing for a preliminary survey for a canal from the Rio Grande to Corpus Christi Bay. Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Britton, Chambers, Duggan, Gentry, Hyde, Parsons, Paschal, Pitts, Potter, Quinan, Scarborough, Schleicher, Shepard, Stockdale, Throckmorton, Townes, Whaley and Wigfall—18.

NAYS—Messrs. Dickinson Fall, Grimes, Guinn, Harman, Hart, Lott, Rains, Rainey, Sims, Walker and Wallace—12.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock Monday morning.

TUESDAY, December 6th, 1859.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Shepard, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, December 7th, 1859.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Throckmorton presented the petition of sundry citizens of Mercer's colony, asking that Mercer's colony certificates may be located upon any of the vacant lands of the State. Referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Guinn presented the petition of the Grand Jurors of Cherokee county. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.